

Woman Loses \$4,500

A 60-year-old Torrance woman became the victim of a "pigeon drop" bunco scheme Friday when two strangers talked her into handing over \$4,500 in cash.

Mrs. Grace Eleanor Judkins of 750 E. Carson St., Apt. 5 told police the two strangers, both women, told her that she could have \$1,000 cash if she would first put up a large sum of money as a "guarantee."

Mrs. Judkins said she was shopping at a downtown Torrance store about 1 p.m. when one of the women approached her and another shopper and said, "I just found a bag with a lot of money and tickets in it. Would you girls tell me what to do with it?"

THE VICTIM said she should take it to the police, but the woman said she has a sick child at home and wanted to keep the cash. The other shopper, who turned out to be the second suspect in the case, told the first suspect she should go ask her boss what to do with the money.

In about 10 minutes, the first suspect returned to the shop and approached the two again, saying the sack contained \$3,100 in cash and gambling tickets. She said her boss suggested splitting her money three ways, but added that they should promise not to spend the money for some time and put up a large sum of money as a "guarantee" in case the real owner should appear.

The victim then agreed to put up \$4,500, got into a cab with the second suspect, went to the bank, and drew out the cash.

RETURNING to the corner of Post and Sartori Avenues, the victim and the suspect rejoined the first suspect. The second suspect took the money and disappeared, saying she wanted to show it to her boss.

After a short while, the first suspect said she had to go and explain to her employer why she was late getting back to work. Ten minutes after both suspects were gone, the victim suspected something was wrong and called the police.

The first suspect was described as a Negro woman in her 30s, wearing a black and white checked coat and a white uniform. The second suspect was a Caucasian woman in her late 50s who wore a light tan coat.

Police said the pair fit the description of a team of "pigeon drop" artists who have been operating for some time in the Los Angeles area.

Taxpayers Warned of Deadline

Taxpayers were urged today to prepare their California personal income tax returns as early as possible so that they can be prepared to pay the full amount due by April 15.

"There are no provisions in the law for partial or installment payment of the tax liability after the April 15 deadline," warns Martin Huff, executive officer of the Franchise Tax Board.

Unlike the federal government or most states which tax income, California does not withhold the tax from wages. The tax due on April 15, 1969, is based on income earned during 1968 and must be paid in full to comply with state law.

"Too many people wait until the last minute to prepare their return only to discover they do not have the necessary funds readily available to pay the tax," Huff said.

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PLANNING TRIPS... Jerry Webber (right), owner of Webber Toyota-Rambler in Hermosa Beach, and Jim Thomas, sales manager for the firm, point out their destinations on a globe after being named national winners in an American Motors sales contest. Webber Toyota-Rambler won first place in the competitive dealer zone for selling the most new Ramblers. Webber will travel to Europe, visiting France, Switzerland, Holland, and Germany. Thomas won a trip to Mexico City for his part in the winning effort. The owner said his outstanding sales effort was due to the acceptance of the new Rambler by the public and to the "tremendous effort by our sales force."

Group Seeks New Vote Constitution Revision

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO — Another try at the second phase of constitutional revision, defeated at the 1968 general election, will be made this year, Bruce Sumner, chairman of the Constitutional Revision Commission, has announced.

Sumner said the revisions proposed last year would be divided into four separate amendments to be submitted to the Legislature immediately. If these are adopted by the Legislature, they will be on the 1970 ballot.

The chairman also said that the controversial proposal to

make the state superintendent of schools appointive, rather than elected by the people, would not be submitted this year, but would be deferred until the third and final phase of constitutional revision is presented to the Legislature early in 1970.

He blamed defeat of Proposition 1 at the last election on the fact that the revision proposals were presented in a single package, rather than separately.

"I am confident," he said, "that Californians will carefully consider the merits of each ballot measure, and will approve continuation of this very necessary modernization of our outdated constitution."

The four proposed amendments to be presented to the Legislature will cover local government, public utilities, state institutions, and land use and homestead exemptions.

They will be introduced by Assemblymen John Knox, Robert Badham, Joe Gonsalves, and Paul Priolo.

Marionette Play Set At School

Roland Sylwester, an art instructor at Lutheran High School, will direct and produce a three act marionette production for Ascension Lutheran Church's Parent-Teachers League (PTL) at their March meeting at the Torrance Church. Sylwester bases his dramatization upon a portion of the life of the Old Testament prophet Elijah. The Peppermint Puppets will be featured in this three-act production.

The program will be held at Ascension's parish hall, 17910 S. Prairie Ave., Sunday, at 7 p.m. The public is invited. The evening's program is in keeping with Ascension's Day School "Patterns of Performance" — a five year elementary school evaluation and improvement project, beginning this year with emphasis on the fine arts.

Canadians To Address Travel Club

Two internationally known lecturers from British Columbia will speak to the Sunset District of the International Travel Trailer Clubs of America Tuesday at the Evelyn Carr School, 3404 W. 168th St.

John H. Ratel and R. L. (Dick) Colby will discuss the pleasures of traveling in Canada at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

The lecture accompanied by Slides and movies is open to the public. No admission will be charged.

Colby is executive director of the British Columbia Department of Travel and Industry. Ratel is employed by the British Columbia Automobile Club in its membership promotion department.

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Gymnastics Class Offered At Harbor JC

A gymnastics class as part of the community service program of the college is being offered every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 in the Harbor College gym.

Conducted in an informal manner by Geoff Waring, former Harbor College and Long Beach State gymnast, allows participants to use all equipment except the trampoline.

The locker room and showers will also be open although participants must bring their own towels. As this is a community service program there is no registration procedure or fees involved.

Tartars To Host Musical

Student musicians appearing in the Torrance High School music festival will travel to West High School to perform this evening.

The 7:30 p.m. concert was moved to West High this year because fire damage to Torrance's gym made the facility unavailable.

Performing with the Tartar band will be elementary students from the Levy, Wood, Hickory, Arlington, Fern-Greenwood, Madrona, Adams, and Torrance elementary school bands.

Licenses of Three Bars Suspended

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SACRAMENTO — On-sale general liquor licenses of three Torrance bars were ordered suspended Wednesday by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. They were:

Jean and John J. Traver, the Rendezvous, 1878 Torrance Blvd., suspended for 20 days with 10 days stayed on condition of a year's good behavior. The charge was sale during illegal hours.

Tom Cat Enterprises, 18930 S. Hawthorne Blvd., suspended for 15 days on charges of selling from refilled bottles and possession of said bottles.

Carl F. and Dorothy A. Mehner, the Mariner Motor Hotel, 2450 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., a 20-day suspension for sales to minors and permitting minors to consume.

Anti-Smog Legislation Proposed By Beverly

Legislation to control air pollution from aircraft will be introduced today by Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly (R-Manhattan Beach) in response to demands from residents of the area surrounding Los Angeles International Airport, located in Beverly's home district.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proposed the legislation on recommendation of the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District, which has studied the pollution and fallout resulting from increased jet aircraft operations at International and other airports.

The District recommended that a limitation be placed upon emissions allowed from jets, similar to the restrictions on emissions from truck and stationary sources. Beverly's proposed legislation is along these lines.

The present law against visible pollution permits heavy emissions for up to three minutes in any one hour. The speed of modern aircraft makes this measurement impracticable because after three minutes from the beginning of an aircraft's takeoff, it has either passed beyond the county boundaries, or is at such a distance from ground observers as to make it impossible to judge the density of the smoke. The Beverly bill

will cut the measurement time period to 10 seconds for aircraft. "I am advised that equipment has been developed recently for one widely used jet engine, which virtually eliminates the visible emission," the Assemblyman stated.

Meeting Set With Candidate

A coffee hour for John Kirby, a candidate for the Torrance Board of Education, is scheduled Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bundy, 2835 W. 176th St.

Kirby, runner-up in the 1967 school board race, is the executive secretary of the American Institute of Narcotics Education and editor of The Challenger, a statewide publication which is devoted to increasing penalties for peddling drugs to minors.

He also serves as commander of the South Bay Chapter 380 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and is a member of the Torrance-Gardena-South Bay Veterans Employment Committee.

Kirby was honored at a coffee hour last Tuesday at the home of the Howard Altermatts.

South Side

By Lynne Alessio

"Kaleidoscope of Colors" is the theme of this year's Cotton Ball. The annual backwards dance will take place tonight from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Spartan gymnasium.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the crowning of the queen and her court. There are five nominees for queen and five nominees for each of the class princesses.

Lynn Crosby, Faith Hatlestad, Kathy Panovich, Elena Sainz, and Leslie Sakai are the five queen nominees.

For Senior Princess, Chris Bebbler, Michele Chiappetta, Cathy Giardinelli, Kathy Johnston, and Gail Manning are nominated.

Running for Junior Princess are Sue Brideweiser, Sue Brown, Casey Clark, Karen Jones, and Cindy Phillips. Soph-

omore nominees are Gail Hastelund, Kris Nelson, Donna Ramsey, Janet Sosbee, and Val Wigley.

The five girls up for Freshman Princesses are Denise Grimes, Ellen Hulstyn, Wendy Idhe, Lyn Orandorf, and Michelle McCulloch.

The decorations center on colorful geometric designs. There will be couple cards and pixies helping with tickets and pictures. All proceeds go to Girls' League, the sponsors of the dance.

Street Renewal Approved

Renewal of a street maintenance agreement with the city of Lomita has been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The action was authorized by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday and will be effective July 1. The new contract is for five years.

"This agreement, which is used in 26 cities, lets Lomita take advantage of the County Road Department's capabilities in street maintenance," Chace said. "The city reimburses the county for work done by the department."

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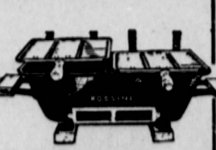
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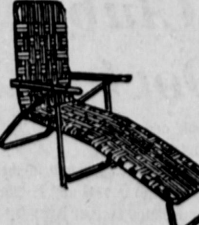


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